

Weather.

Washington, March 1.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Wednesday: Fair in western; rain in eastern. Wednesday, fair.

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THE COMMITTEE AMENDS SENATE ANTI-TRUST BILL

Texas Law Substituted by House Committee for Bassett-Blow Bill

THE SALARY BILL

The Senate Solicitor's Salary Bill Gets an Unfavorable Report in the House, But Minority Report Puts it on the Calendar—Enacting and Ratification Clauses All That Are Left of the Bassett-Blow Anti-trust Bill, the Texas Law Being Substituted for the Main Provisions of the Bill by the House Committee.

The forty-eighth day of the house of representatives, North Carolina general assembly, was called to order at 10:30 o'clock this morning by Speaker Pro-tem Morton. Mr. Graham being too unwell to be present, and the religious exercises were conducted by Rev. L. F. Johnson, pastor of the Hillsboro Street Christian church.

The journal of the two sessions yesterday were reported as correctly recorded, and stood approved.

The call for petitions, memorials, and such, brought out the following: By Hageman: From citizens of Meek Creek township as to school district.

By Bolton: From Eastern Quarterly Meeting Friends church in Northampton, as to abolishing capital punishment.

The call of the committees proved fruitful for the calendar, as a large number of reported bills went thereon.

The bill to extend the time for corporations to file reports was reported adversely.

The bill to place solicitors on salary, as passed by the senate, was reported unfavorably, with a minority report, which puts it on the calendar.

The senate Bassett-Blow trust bill was taken out by the committee, except the enacting and ratification clauses, and the Koonce anti-trust bill of Texas put in place of it. In other words sharper teeth were restored than those taken out. This goes on the congested house calendar.

Bills Introduced. By Barnes of Hertford: To incorporate the town of Winton.

By Witte: Resolution as to pay of clerks of house and senate.

By Smith of Harnett: As to working road in Duke township.

By Smith of Harnett: To repeal district road law at Dunn.

By Wallace: To amend the Carteret county road law.

By Hooker: To protect growing crops in Richland township, in Beaufort county.

By Murphy, for Graham: To put Surry in the eighth congressional district.

By Mitchell: As to roads in Wayne.

By Weaver: To amend law as to Asheville police court.

By Gaston: To amend a law of session of 1905.

By Williams of Dare: As to hogs at large in Dare.

By Cox of Wake: To allow osteopaths to practice in hospitals.

By Campbell: As to saw-dust in streams in Stanley.

By Perry of Vance: To enlarge hospital for the dangerous insane.

By Hoffer: To appoint I. J. Hayes a justice in Gates. To provide for a school district in Gates.

By Connor: To incorporate the Normal and Industrial College Alum-Association.

By Canfield: To allow Wilkes to pay J. J. Hendren, a teacher.

By Hageman by request: For a finance committee for Henderson county.

By Hageman: To annul the law as to tax against water companies.

By Wooten: To separate civil and criminal court dockets in Lenoir county and to abolish December civil term.

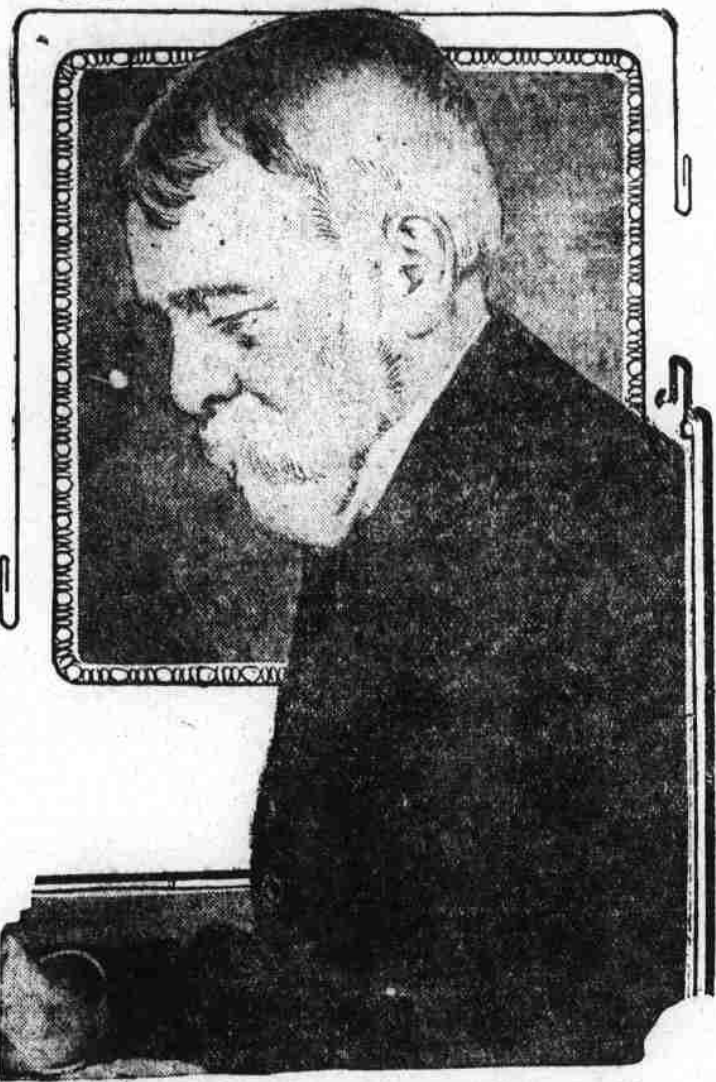
By Taylor: To extend time building the Southport, Northern & Western Railway.

By Dowd: To amend the charter of Charlotte. To regulate sale of property for state taxes. To secure interest on state funds.

By Shepherd: Joint resolution to pay George C. Fisher, an employee of 1908. Passed second and third reading.

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Mr. Charles P. Taft.



Mr. Charles P. Taft, whose picture is here shown, had much to do with the nomination of his brother for President. Mr. Taft is likely to be a power with the incoming administration.

Cooper Murder Case May Be Given to the Jury by the Last of This Week

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., March 2.—The smallest crowd of the Cooper-Sharp trial was on hand this morning at the convening hour. The general impression prevailing that the defense would put on two or three witnesses today. Probably James G. Bradford, General Tully Brown and W. C. Morgan will testify for the defense and they will then close their case.

The state has several witnesses to introduce in rebuttal.

It is believed that argument may be reached by Thursday and the jury be charged by Saturday or Monday.

Dr. R. L. Thompson, the first witness today, testified only to seeing Carmack just prior to the shooting.

William Setters was put on the stand next by the defense and testified regarding the revolver. He said the Colt automatic bullets, while called "steel jacketed," could be cut

with a knife. He illustrated this with a knife before the jury.

He said a Colt's automatic would shoot very much more rapidly than a Smith & Wesson; that the Colt had a short trigger pull of about a quarter of an inch, while the Smith & Wesson had a 3-inch pull. He said black powder would make much more smoke than white powder and that on that damp day the smoke would hang heavier.

The defense, to save time, admitted that the Carmack cartridge contained black powder.

W. S. Morgan, ex-secretary of state, was the next witness. He told of having seen Mrs. Eastman a few moments after the tragedy. She was hysterical and crying. She said Col. Cooper had told Carmack to get out from behind her. The witness did not hear her say she heard Colonel Cooper say, "We've got the drop on you now."

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 2.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, and now chairman of the Trades' agreement board of federation, spoke guardedly today in discussing the anthracite situation.

"It would not be proper for me to say," said Mr. Mitchell, "whether or not the federation would act as arbitrator if an appeal was made by the mine workers. However, you can draw your own conclusion. I first heard of the decision of the operators to refuse every demand of the mine workers today from the reports."

"The whole matter lies with the officials of the miners' organizations and the operators."

"I understand that President Lewis, of the mine-workers, is now in the field going over the situation."

"Do you expect there will be a strike?"

"It would not be proper for me to speak on that matter," said Mr. Mitchell.

From another source came the information that a strike is just what the men themselves do expect and that it is for the purpose of increasing the strength of their defenses that President Lewis is now in the anthracite field.

Boats Go to Honduras. (By Cable to The Times.) Panama, March 2.—Following advice that a revolution has been started in Honduras, the armored cruisers Pennsylvania and California have been ordered to Anapala in Honduran waters. They will await the arrival there of the Yorktown.

THIRTY DEAD IN MINE DISASTER NEAR PITTSBURGH

Terrific Explosion Occurred and Fifteen Victims Have Been Brought Out

PASSAGEWAYS ON FIRE

Explosion in Colliery of the Erie Company at Port Blanchard—Big Fire Which Has Broken Out Prevents the Rescue of the Imprisoned Men—Some of the Explosion is a Mile From the Foot of the Main Shaft and the Passageways Leading to it Are Ablaze—Explosion Was Caused by a Careless Miner.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Pittsburg, Pa., March 2.—A terrific explosion occurred at 8 o'clock this morning in the fourteen-foot vein, No. 14 colliery, of the Erie Company at Port Blanchard. Fifteen victims, most of them in a dying condition, have been taken to the hospital, and it is believed that at least thirty are dead in the mine. A big fire has broken out in the vein and prevents the rescue of the imprisoned men. This colliery is known as the most gaseous of the Erie Company and frequent fatal accidents have occurred.

The scene of the explosion is a mile from the foot of the main shaft and the passageways leading to it are ablaze. Thousands of feet of the hose have been taken inside and a big force of fire fighters are at work. The explosion was caused by a careless miner.

Shortly after 8 o'clock this morning this man needed a mine rail and went into an abandoned chamber to look for one. He had a lighted lamp on his hat, and the explosion followed.

Bratties and doors were torn out and mine cars tossed from the tracks. All was in darkness and miners who had escaped groped their way out, picking up the injured enroute. At least fifteen are known to have escaped. Seventy-five men were employed in this vein and it is believed those who are still imprisoned have perished from the effects of after damp.

The victims now at the hospital are: Thomas Fleming, aged 23; James Howley, 19; Bernard Coyle, 35; Charles Richardson, 32; Tony Tardo, 37; Harry Caputo, 32; Joseph Captain, 19; Julius Apperant, 21; Andrew Vohonski, 25; Charles Prunelle, 25; Harry Kapaga, 32.

London Bar Silver. (By Cable to The Times.) London, March 2.—Bar silver quiet at 23 5-16d, decline 1-16d.

GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.



New Attorney General George W. Wickersham, of New York. Mr. Wickersham is a law partner of Henry W. Taft, brother of the President.

George Von L. Meyer.



Secretary of the Navy George Von L. Meyer, of Massachusetts. Mr. Meyer has done distinguished services as a member of the diplomatic corps and as a Cabinet Officer.

DELAWARE WILL AID SHIP CANAL COAL OPERATORS DEFY THE MINERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Dover, Del., March 2.—The house has come to the aid of the government in the movement to construct a \$200,000 ship canal between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays by passing a bill which provides for the condemnation of the land. The bill will pass the senate and will be approved by Governor Pennell. The land in question is contiguous to the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal, which is to be the route of the proposed ship canal.

THEODORE PRICE HELD FOR TRIAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 2.—United States Commissioner Shields this afternoon held Theodore H. Price, the former "cotton king" for trial in Washington on the charge of conspiring to defraud the government by securing in advance the cotton report for 1905 of the department of agriculture. Price's attorneys at once announced that they would appear before Judge Ward in the United States district court, and ask for a writ of habeas corpus and a writ of certiorari.

RAILROAD ORDERED TO SELL TROLLEY LINES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., March 2.—The full bench of the supreme court of Massachusetts today handed down a final and sweeping decision ordering the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad to sell all of its trolley roads in this state on or before July 1 next. The court holds that the New Haven road bought up these roads illegally and must now give up all of them. The only appeal the New Haven road now has is to the supreme court of the United States.

REDUCTION IN WAGES OF STEEL WORKERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—A reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of virtually every employee of the Lackawanna Steel Company goes into effect today. The Lackawanna is the largest independent concern outside of the Gary plant.

There has been no talk of labor troubles at the Lackawanna plant.

CONSIDERATION OF CAPITOL BILL WAS POSTPONED

Senator Barringer Asks That the Matter of Removal Go Over

OIL INSPECTION BILL

Senate Met At 10 O'clock, Senator Means Leading the Prayer, Senator Long, of Person, Introduces Bill to Provide for the Checking Up of State Officials and Public Institutions—Joint Resolution Relative to Filling Vacancy in University Caused by Resignation of George W. Connor—Other New Bills.

The senate was called to order at 10 o'clock by Lieutenant Governor Newland. Senator Means led in prayer.

New Bills Today. New bills were introduced as follows:

S. B. 1444. Senator Barringer. To appoint a court stenographer in Guilford county. Judicial District.

S. B. 1445. Senator Bassett. To regulate the pay of surveyors in Nash and Edgecombe counties. Calendar.

S. B. 1446. Senator Fry. To validate a certain election in Bryson City. Calendar.

S. B. 1447. Senator McCall. To promote education in McDowell county. Education.

S. B. 1448. Senator McCall. To promote education in Burke county. Education.

S. B. 1449. Senator Gay. To validate certain probates of a notary public in Northampton county. Calendar.

S. B. 1450. Senator Britt. Relative to the making of court calendar in Buncombe. Calendar.

S. B. 1451. Senator Jones. An act relative to transferring children from one school district to another. Education.

S. B. 1452. Senator Doughton. To amend chapter 101 revision relative to taking of good and sufficient bonds from contractors erecting public buildings. Finance.

S. B. 1453. Senator Long, of Person. An act to provide for the checking up of state officials and public institutions. Judiciary.

S. R. 1454. Senator Means. A joint resolution relative to filling the vacancy on the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina caused by the resignation of Mr. George W. Connor. Calendar.

Passed Third Reading. The following bills passed their final reading:

S. B. To authorize the increase of pensions by county boards of commissioners.

S. B. To incorporate Walstonburg.

H. B. To amend road law of Lee county.

H. B. To authorize bonds for streets in Pittsboro.

H. B. To amend law relative to graded school of Columbia.

H. B. To amend law relative to bond issue in Raleigh.

H. B. To allow Selma to issue bonds.

H. B. To amend charter of Piedmont Railway Company.

S. B. To re-incorporate Gatesville.

S. B. To establish a graded school in Farmers, Randolph county.

S. B. To establish a graded school in Marshville.

S. B. To provide a court stenographer for Guilford.

S. B. To amend law relative to director of corporations and cumulative voting.

S. B. An act relative to escapes.

S. B. An act to provide for the registration and identification of motor vehicles.

The bill relative to moving the state capital to Greensboro was called up but consideration of the matter was postponed on motion of Senator Barringer.

The Oil Inspection Bill. The bill to provide for the inspection of illuminating oils and fluids, which was a special order for today, was taken up at 11 o'clock. Senator Doughton, author of the bill, which was reported unfavorably, offered a substitute for the original, which was read. The bill provides for inspection tests and the appointment of inspectors, all inspection costs to be

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